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HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

Good Results of the New Commander-in-Chief's Efforts.

Immediately after the beginning of the present Past Department Commanders known to be in INDIAN TERRITORY .good standing in their Posts, to the number of 400, asking their assistance and active ec-operation in helping to revice interest in the G.A.R., to replenish the ranks with the dropped and suspended members, and to undertake such other work for the Order as they could find to do;

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: You have been Depariment Commander, and therefore your relations to the Order are such as to warrant me in addressing you this note. No one should have more influence with the veterans in or out of the Order than those who are Past Department Commanders. In your Department and vicinity there are many eligible ex-soldiers who should be brought into our ranks. Will you earnestly exert yourself to this end? Endeavor to stimulate a right spirit in the Posts, and a disposition on the part of those who are not members to come in and join our

Such information as you may obtain from time to time please communicate to these Headquarters, and it will be the endeavor of the present Adminisefforts to help in this undertaking and the progress you make in its accomplishment?

I have the honor to be fraternally yours, A. G. WEISSERT, Commander-in-Chief. To this letter nearly all have responded, as-uring

him of hearty co-operation, and not only of their willingness, but determination to work earnestly for the good of the Order. A large number of Aids-de-Camp have been

commissioned and the following letter addres-ed to them. Almost the whole number have responded with promises to undertake such work as is possible for the benefit of the Order in their several My DEAR SIR AND COMBADE: The Commander-

in-Chief has appointed you an Aid-de-Camp on his staff. By his direction I have the honor to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of this note, and give your full name and address as you desire to have them appear in the commission. On receipt of your acknowledgment the commission will be transmitted to you. This appointment is made, not alone to honor

you, but with the assurances of comrades who know you and your Grand Army record, and the expectation that you will make yourself an earnest, active and intelligent help to the present adinistration of the G.A.R. You are expected to visit Posts in your vicinity, to attend Campfires and Reunions, and to report to Headquarters from time to time such matters com-

ing under your observation as may be of interest to the Commander-in-Chief. Should you find lack of harmony in any quarter, endeavor to exercise a wise judgment in the direc-

tion of conciliation. And above all, the Commander-in-Chief desires you to not as a diligent, persistent, and successful recruiting officer. There are more men in the United States to-day eligible to membership in the Order than we have in the ranks, and still it is said the Order has reached the high-water mark of membership. Your assistance is respectfully invited to ascertain in your immediate vicinity why this is so, and if possible devise some method to bring these men into the Order. Look after your own Post first. You are respectfully referred to

You are expected to make yourself familiar with the R and R., the Ritual and the Service Book of | Aaron Scull; Surg., Robert Castor; Chap., J. B. the G.A.R., and to this end you should obtain them from the A. A. G. of your own Department. This is necessary that you may determine questions pertaining to the organic law of the Order, and know when the Ritual and Services are properly

performed in your presence. You should also wear on official occasions the badge of your rank, which is a strap with silver eagle on black field, the National ribbon, and the regulation G.A.R. badge pendant. E. B. GRAY. Yours in F., C. and L.

Adjutant-General. The officers now actively serving as Department and Post Commanders seem to be in full accord with the efforts of Headquarters in the line of recruiting and otherwise building up the Order. The visitations made by the Commander-in-Chief to Nebraska and Kausas have resulted beneficially, and many letters are being received at Headquarters stating that there is an active and determined effort being made to gather into the ranks all desirable and eligible veterans.

The Commander-in-Chief Makes Some Recommendations.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,) MILWAUKEE, W18., Dec. 28, 1892.

General Orders, No. 4. III. Rules and Regulations, Chap. I., Art. III. Sec. I, declares: "No Post shall be named for any living person, and not more than one Post in any Department shall adopt the same name, and that name shall be approved by the Department Commander." Posts in some Departments are now named for living comrades. This is emphatically prohibited in the rule just quoted. In some Departments more than one Post is named for the same man; as, Gen, Logan Post, John A. Logan Post, and Logan Post, in one Department. The names of Posts should be distinctive. The Commander-in-Chief requests Department Commanders to examine carefully names proposed for Posts at the time charter is granted, so as to conform to

IV. It is desirable to have dates and places for the next Department Encampments known as soon as possible at these Headquarters. The Commander-in-Chief desires to visit as many of these pments as he can, and, as soon as determined, Department officers are urged to forward the date and place to the Adjutant-General. V. For convenience of Departments in distributing National Orders at the same time with Depart- made fitting remarks. "Taps" closed the meetment Orders, it is announced that Orders from these Headquarters hereafter will be issued, as near as circumstances will permit, at the close of

VI. Aids-de-Camp, whose appointments were nnounced in General Orders, No. 3, from these adquarters, will be commissioned as soon as their acceptance is received. Such of them as do not acknowledge the appointment by letter to the Adjutant-General by Jan. 20, 1893, will be consid-

names stricken from the list. VII. It is well known that most of the comrader who fell fighting in the war of '61-5 now lie buried in Southern graves. Their remains, as far as possible, have been gathered into cemeteries over which the General Government tenderly watches. It is well known, also, that the Posts of our Order in the South near these cemeteries are poor and the comrades not numerous; but they have undertaken, from year to year, to see that flags are provided with which to decorate these graves on Me morial Day. The task is a severe one, but the comrades there do it gladly. The difficult question is bow to defray expenses of buying and delivering attention to this matter, and at Washington this year the subject was considered, and referred to the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration. This Committee on the 16th of November, at its meeting at Indianapolis, referred the whole subject to the Commander-in-Chief. He Immediately thereafter addressed a letter to the Secretary of War asking "If the General Government furnishes flags for decorating the graves of the Union soldiers in the South." To this the Secretary of War, Hon. S. B. Elkins, under date of Dec. 6, 1892, replied: "There is no appropriation under control of the Quartermaster's Department from which the expense of decorating soldiers' graves in National Cemeteries can be paid." At the same meeting referred to the Committee requested the Commander-in-Chief in some proper way to call upon the Order to furnish money need ed for flags for these graves on Memorial Day through the office of the Quartermaster-General. The Commander-in-Chief directs that Departments, Posts, and individuals wishing to contribute money to this laudable purpose, send their dona-tions to Q.-M.-Gen, John Taylor, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., who will receipt for the same. He also directs comrades in the vicinity of these graves in the South to make requisitions upon the Quartermaster-General, through these Headquarters, for such number of flags as they consider necessary properly to decorate these soldiers' graves on morial Day. Such requisitions should contain a statement of the number of graves to be decorated. The Quartermaster-General will keep this fund separate from the others, and make his annual report of receipts and expenditures to the Na-

VIII. Our badge is a mark of distinction which every true G.A.R. man should be proud to wear on all proper occasions. No emperor, king, or poten-tate on earth can confer an emblem more worthy the respect and reverence of all mankind than that which indicates its possessor to be one who fought for freedom to all men, women and children, and for the unity of all the States of this greatest country and its perpetuity as a Nation among the Gov-ernments of the world. The Commander-in-Chief therefore desires comrades to be especially careful that the badge be worn properly, and so as indicate exactly the relation and standing in the Order of is possessor. On page 34 of Rules and Regulations are given plain and specific directions on the sub-ject of wearing the badge and rank-strap to desig-mate scrive and past officers for every position in the Order. This subject is referred to in General Orders because of numerous complaints that many past officers continue to wear the badge of active service improperly, and not in conformity to the

prescribed rules. In all such cases it is presumed the error is only an inadvertence, and not intentional. Careful attention to this matter is especially enjoined upon the whole comradeship.

By command of A. G. WEISSERT, Commander-

in-Chief.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CALIFORNIA .-John Buford Post, 136, San Miguel-Com., W. B. Contes; S. V. C., F. C. Evans; J. V. C., S. M. Dyer; Q. M., Ed. W. Cole; O. D., F. L. Mennet; O. G., James Knight; Chap., George Sounenburg; Surg., R. R. Kirkpatrick.

ILLINOIS .-Commander-in-Chief Weissert has notified Comade Leroy Van Horn, of Harvey B. Dodworth Musicians' Post, 743, Chicago, of his appointment as Chief Bugler at the next National Encampment. Van Horn will serve on the Commander-in-Chief's

Comrade T. G. Lawler has been elected Communder for the 25th time of G. L. Nervins Post, 1, Rockford. The annual election of the Post resulted: S. V. C., S. N. Jones; J. V. C., D. B. Redington; Q. M., M. A. Norton; Surg., G. W. Rohr; Chap., William Kerr; O. D., W. A. Daniel; O. G., A. A. A new Post has been mustered at Chicago. The

officers are: Com., H. E. Gerry; S. V. C., F. N. Springer: J. V. C., Frank W. Morgan; Surg., C McCallister; Chap., D. M. Scaman; Q. M., John Ellison: O. D., C. I. Wickersham; O. G., H. Administration, the Commander-in-Chief addressed a personal letter, given below, to all the Beadley; Q. M. S., James W. McCrumb,

> Henry Saunders, Rispison: Ours is the youngest hn A. Logan Post in the country. It was instituted Sept. 13, 1892, with 14 charter members. Every member is active, and all are trying hard to increase the membership. The new officers are; Com., A. R. Ferguson; S. V. C., Richard Pepper; J. V. C., Wm. R. Roberts; Q. M., William Sharnbene; Chap., Wm. Oit; Surg., E. A. Chaffee; O. D., Wm. H. Brown; O. G., Joseph Mason; Adj't, Henry Saunders.

T. Z. Cook Post, 235, Cedar Rapids-Com., J. O. tewart; S. V. C., H. S. Gates; J. V. C., George D. fartin; Surg., J. Lov; Q. M., R. H. Garrison; Chap., J. H. Palmer; O. D., J. H. Goodhue; O. G.,

Severance Post, 191. Severance-Com., Mott avison; S. V. C., W. H. Doren; J. V. C., J. O. Marcell; Surg., D. McIntosh; Chap., James Chaney; Q. M., D. W. Edwards; O. G., E. B. Scott; O. D., icorge Roberts, Rep., Jacob Kout; Alt., James tration to assist you in building up the Order dur- Roberts. A resolution was indersed favoring the ing the coming year. Will you make known your election of Hon, Bernard Kelly for Department Commander,

MASSACHUSETTS.-

J. E. B., Boston: Dr. Gustavus F. Walker, Communder-elect of John A. Andrew Post, 15, of Borton, possesses the true spirit of comradeship and fraternity; be is the kind of a man that never spurus in opportunity to do good. As a professional man he has administered to the physical needs of many veterans and their families, and in many cases did so when dollars were not, but the satisfaction of doing a comcade's duty was the reward. In his selection the Post has henored itself, the majority his vote testifying to the esteem he has won in his service to his Post as its Surgeon, Junior and Senior Vice-Commander. His connection with many secret and military organizations make him a well known and popular gentleman.

Washington Post, South Boston, which celebrated its 25th anniversary recently, was instituted in 1867 with 10 charter members, only three of whom are now living-Past Commander S. B. Crane, W. J. Blake, and J. A. Clapp. The Post has had reverses, the worst in 1879, when the membership dwindled down to 22 members. By hard work the Post was | SOUTH DAKOTA.before long on the road to success again, and it is now in a most flourishing condition, with a good surplus in the treasury, and a membership of 109. During its existence the Post has paid out over \$5,000 for the relief of the disabled and sick com-

Parker Post, 123, Athol Center-Com., James Oliver; S. V. C., Wm. J. Barrus; J. V. C., H. A. Bancroft; Surg., James Oliver; Chap., George F. Parish; Q. M., George W. Stevens; O. D., L. B. Hastings; O. G., George A. Barrows.

The following new Posts have been mustered nce last General Orders: Aldrich, 536., Aldrich, Polk County, D. M. Dickerson, Commander: Tecumseli, 537, Blackwater, Cooper County, Elliott Grifflith, Commander; Isabella, 538, Isabella, Ozark County, Lorenzo D. Haskins, Commander; Till-

man Terrill, 539, Moberly, Peter Turner, Com-NEBRASKA .-J. W. McLane Post, 244, Farnan-Com., Calvin Bradshaw; S. V. C., Miles F. Martin; J. V. C., Newsam Rank; O. D., W. H. H. Dryden; O. G.,

Doolittle.

Past Commander Emanuel Sands, of Van Houten Post, Jersey City, will probably be the next Department Commander of the State. Thus far there no opposition and probably will not be. He is both capable and popular and just such a man as the Grand Army boys like at their head. James A. Garfield Post, 4, Newark-Com., Wm. W. Morris; S. V. C., Alfred Fraley; J. V. C., Christopher C. Allen; Surg., Charles W. Moffatt; Q. M., Robt, W. Simpson; O. D., Wm. R. Keyser; O. G., Thos. Clark; Chap., Caleb B. Cadmus; Council of

Administration, Wm. Astley. Jacob Pehl, of Hamilton Post, 20, Poughkeepsie, s probably the oldest comrade now in the Order. He was born in Montebaur, Nassau, Germany, Dec. 8, 1800. He came to this country in 1818. He was a member of the 45th N. Y., and served from September, 1861, to October, 1865. He is now a pensioner

Luther M. Wheeler Post, 92, Saratoga Springs: Com., E. H. Fuller; S. V. C., Andrew J. Weed; J. V. C., Henry J. Lee; Sorg., Edgar Fasinire; Chap., Chas. D. Thurber; O. D., Edwin Ham; O. G., Nathan Brown; Q. M., F. M. Jones. Hans Powell Post, 638. New York-Com., Lawrence Connor; S.V. C., E. C. Phelps; J.V. C., James Gaynor; Q. M., M. A. Sweeney; Surg., Joseph Mackin; Chap., John C. Starkins; O. D., Thomas J. Odlum; O. G., Chas, Smith, William Richardson Post, Buffalo-Com., Charles

McBean; S. V. C., Henry Waterbury; J. V. C., Curtis W. Rose; Surg., W. W. Allen: Q. M., R. F. Jenkins; O. D., Ed. R. Ellis; O. G., Jacob Shopp; Chap., James Shepard, John C. Fremout Post, 590, Yonkers-Com., Galusha B. Batch; S. V. C., James Stewart, jr.;

J. V. C., Wesley Randall; Chap., J. Willett Bynon., O. D., David A. Winans; Surg., Luke Simpson; Q. M., Theodore Van Ness; O. G., John F. Brower. Dr. Balch has now been elected Commander seven consecutive years.

Fred. C. Jones Post, 401, Cincinnati, held its annual memorial service the other night. The ceremonies were elaborate, interesting, and very touching. Several beautiful hymns and songs were sung, among them the pathetie "Vacant Chair," H. B. Furness, John A. Slattery, and A. M. Warner made memorial addresses, and other comrades Bishop Post, 22, of Defiance, had a great time the

other evening. The boys held a Campfire and the attendance was large and the crowd enthusiastic. Department Commander I. F. Mack, Gov. Mc-Kinley, and other distinguished guests were heartily welcomed. The fun went on in the Opera ouse. It was after 8 o'clock when Commander P. E. Helpman, of Bishop Post, called the meeting to order. He announced a song by Mrs. Anna Opered as not destring the commission, and their | dycke Carroll, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Anna M. Hague, Department Secretary of the W.R.C.; Miss Minnie Sutphen, and Messrs, C. M. Hague, K. V. Haymaker, and C. F. Ferguson, Miss Nettie Hooker presiding at the piano. The Octet Singing Club; Ruey McKinney, the young clocutionist; the popular Joe Shondel; little Miss Daisy Adams, and several others contributed heartily to the success of the evening. Comrade Mack's speech was one of the finest, keenest expositions of the pension question that was ever delivered in the city, if not in the State, and for over one hour and a half he held the closest attention of the vast crowd. Gov. McKinley aroused the peoception was tendered Gov. McKinley and Comnander Mack on the stage, and for nearly an hour they were kept busy shaking hands with the people. Perry E. Helpman, who has been Commander of the Post the past year, made an excellent pre-siding officer at this meeting. He is deservedly popular among G.A.R. men. He was a member of Co. H, 118th Ohio, and was baptized in the fire of battle at Resaca, Ga., where he was severely rounded, a ball passing through his body, piercing the right lung, and producing a wound from which he is a constant sufferer. He was as happy as a lord on this occasion, and his pleasure was shared by all. The officers of the Post are; Com., L. E. Beardsley; S. V. C., W. F. Schultz; J. V. C., John McCollister; Q. M., George H. Dicus; Surg., L. G. Thacker; Chap., Christ Schoepfle. Albert White, Ripley: W. Wirt Liggett Post, 145, is enjoying a boom. Recruits are coming in at a rapid rate, and every meeting-night a class of re-cruits are mustered. In fact, we are taking them in sections of six, eight, and 10 right along. Our Post at its last meeting had a banquet and great time generally. At a recent meeting it was de eided to present the name of our worthy comrade L. H. Williams, to the comrades of Ohio at the next Department Encampment for the position of De-partment Commander. Comrade Williams is an every-day-in-the-year G.A.R. man, and has done much work for the Order in this part of the State. There are few comrades better known in this Department. He has represented his Post a number of times in the Department Encampment; also been a delegate several times to the National Encampments, and has served on the Department and Naional Councils of Administration. He is a worker at whatever he undertakes, and during his term recently as Grand Chancellor, K. of P., of Ohio, made the greatest record for gain in new Lodges ever made in this Grand Jurisdiction during a term of one year-'87; also, the Order made large gains all over the State. If he is elected Department Commander he will give to our Order a year

of earnest work. Cooper Post, 117, Marion, is the second Ohio Post that is named for four brothers who responded to Lincoln's call to arms. All of them went from Marion County; one was the first and another the last to yield up his life; a third lost an arm, and the fourth died of disease contracted in the service. The Post was organized Aug. 12, 1881, and has at the present time a membership of about 110, of whom 30 are in Washington. The Post possesses a memento of the war in the shape of the torn and

and battle of Bull Run, when it was torn to pieces | San Francisco, New York, and Toronto, Ont.

by rebel shot and returned to the donors. It was subsequently given to this Post by the daughters of Col. Cantwell.

Brough Post, 359, East Cleveland—Com., P. O. Philips; S. V. C., G. E. Tyler; J. V. C., J. E. Crandall; Chap., Joseph Day; Q. M., H. E. Evarts; Surg., J. T. Smith; O. D., Richard Scanlon; O. G., E. B. GRAY, Adjutant-General. Joseph Kreher; Adj't, W. A. Miner; S. M., E. G. Huntoon; Q. M. S., A. T. Lawrence. Paulus Post, 4, Ashtabula—Com., Geo, D. Paelen; S. V. C., Chauncy Mason; J.V. C., W. H. Warren; Q. M., James Thorp; Surg., John R. Greenough; Chap., Daniel J. Smith; O. D., Elmin F. Niley; O. G. Dorsey W. Viers.
Norris Post, 40, Chagrin Falls—Com., Robert Grahm; S. V. C., Geo. Henderson. J. V. C., E. S. Hill; Q. M., A. E. Smith; Surg., R. W. Walters; Chap., W. J. Stutz; O. D., G. D. Gifford; O. G., O.

> Col. Jewell Post, Myrtleport, has adopted resolutions condemning the desceration of the graves of veterans in Indiana. PENNSYLVANIA .-

Navai Post, 400, Philadelphia-Com., Frank Robnson; S. V. C., James Collins: J. V. C., Thomas J. Forsythe; Q. M., D. B. McCready; Surg., Jos. Long; Chap., William J. Morgan; O. D., John Sproule; O. G., Henry Meyers; Trustee, Michael Quigley.

POTOMAC .-Lincoln Post, 3, Washington-Com., Daniel Williams; S. V. C., James M. Holmes; J. V. C., B. F. Chase; Surg., A. E. Johnson; Chap., Benjamin Swallow; Q. M., John Van Dorn; O. D., Michael Mahany; O. G., S. A. Campbell. Lincoln Post is the banner Post of this Department, having now over 600 active, loyal members. It claims to stand unsurpassed for its perfect work; its muster-in service has given it a National reputation. It expends hundreds of dollars annually for charity, and it can be truly said that in all departments of its work it strives to be in the lead. RHODE ISLAND .-

O. P. Huntley, Commander, Pawtucket: Department Commander David S. Ray and official staff paid their annual official visit to Tower Post, 17, on the evening of the 20th ult. The visitors numbered 40. The Post proceeded to the depot at 7:45 o'clock, and escorted the Commander and staff to the Post's Headquarters. The march down Main street was illuminated with red fire. Without formalities the guests were invited into the supper-room in the upper hall, Post Commander O. P. Huntley presided. About 175 comrades and citizens took seats at the table. After partaking of an old-fashioned baked bean supper cigars were lighted, and addresses were made by Department Commander Ray; B. F. Davis, President of the Board of Alderman; Ass't Adj't-Gen. Edmond F. Prentiss; P. E. Tillinghast, Ass't Q. M.-Gen. Herbert S. Bennett; ex-Alderman Henry E. Tipke; Col. D. R. Ballou, Chief of Staff; Alderman John F. Adams; John M. Perkins; C. H. Baker, Junior Vice Department Commander; Wm. P. Maroney, of Board of Assessors, and Chap. J. J. Wooley. Mr. Tipke in his remarks suggested the idea that when the new City Hall is built the best thing to do with the present City Hall would be to present it to Tower Post for a permanent home, Tower Post, 17, Providence-Com., Wm. M. Peckham; S. V. C., Lewis J. Matteson; J. V. C., J. Frank Sibley; Q. M., John E. Davis; Surg., John F. Allen; Chap, Joseph J. Wooley; O. D., Wm. Massey; O. G., John A. Brown. After the election the comrades drew their rations of crackers, cheese, dough-

nuts and coffee with all the enjoyment customary on such occasions, Charles E. Lawton Post, 5, Newport-Com., Chas. H. Clarke; S. V. C., Wm. P. Smith; J. V. C., Chas. E. Snyder; Q. M., Charles E. Harvey; Surg., Jas. H. Taylor; Chap., Henry C. Bachellor; O. D., Charles E. Ash; O. G., A. Judson Barker, I. G., Frank C. Crompton; O. G., Thomas Blacklock. Bucklin Post, River Point-Com., Thomas H. Reed; S. V. C., John A. Medbery; J. V. C., D. H. Oldridge; O. D., W. T. Comrie; O. G., Henry O. Waldron; Surg., Jesse Lincoln; Chap., Dr. Eddy.

George Crook Post, 63, Aberdeen-Com., N. S. Arnold; S. V. C., A. D. Wood; J. V. C., George Woodruff; Surg., A. Payette; Chap., A. H. Lackey; Q. M., J. B. Haines; O. D., J. E. Douglas; O. G., R. H. Watson.

TENNESSEE .-The Grand Army was first organized in Tennessee in 1866, but the organization did not last more than two years. The Order was revived in 1883 by Col. Edward S. Jones, of Nashville, who organized a number of Posts and was made Commander of the Provisional Department. A permanent Department—the Department of Tennessee and Georgia—was organized Feb. 26. 1884, consisting of 14 Posts, and Col. Jones was elected Commander and reelected in 1885. He died while in office and was succeeded by E. E. Winters.

In 1887, W. T. Ramage, of Knoxville, was elected Commander. The year of his administration was very prosperous, Il new Posts being added and over 800 members. In 1888 Wm. Rule, of Knoxville, was elected Commander. During the administration of Comrade Rule the Posts in Georgia and Alabama were detached and the name of the Department changed to Tennessee. Notwithstanding the loss of the detached Posts the membership Dec. 31, 1888, showed a net gain of 49 over that of Dec. 31, 1887, the number being 2,184. In 1889 Comrade Rule was succeeded by A. H. Pettibone, of Greeneville. The increase this year was 15 Posts and 877 members. In 1890 Charles F. Muller, of Post 45, Chattanocga, was elected Commander. During his administration 13 Posts were added and the gain in membership 626, leaving the number in good standing Dec. 31, 1890, 3,697.
In 1891 A. J. Gahagan, of Post 2, Chattanooga, succeeded Comrade Muller. The close of this year showed a loss in membership, the number remaining Dec. 31 being 3,494. In 1892 H. C. Whitaker, of New Market, was elected Commander. The Department has nearly 90 Posts, two-thirds of which are east of Chattanooga, in the territory known as

East Tennessee. VERMONT .-O. O. Howard Post, 33, Ludlow-Com., Charles . Ray; S. V. C., Luther O. Weeks; J. V. C., A. K. Gould; Q. M., R. E. Hathorn; Surg., Amos S. Bir-by; Chap., D. D. Owen; O. D., F. H. Fuller; O. G.,

James Pollard. REUNIONS.

Annual Meetings and Other Matters Pertaining to Various Organizations. ITHE NATIONAL TRIBUNE wants a brief account each regimental Reunion held, with names of new officers, and address of the Secretary. Notices of Reunions to be held should be sent in early, and will be published at once if received in

MISCELLANEOUS.

Once a year, through the courtesy of Senator E. S. Horton, the ex-prisoners of the war of 1861-'65 in the vicinity of Attleboro, Mass., gather around the table at the Park Hotel, and, while discussing an excellent menu, talk over the old battles, and, perchance, meet old comrades who they have not seen since they tented together on the old campground. On Dec. 22 the Reunion for this year was held. A few years ago, at one of these gatherings, Maj. Horton suggested the formation of the Attleboro War Prisoners' Association. He was chosen President. He has served in that capacity ever since, and was re-elected. E. C. Martin was chosen Secretary. Previous to the business meeting a reception was held, and many distinguished guests were present. At the supper Maj. Horton presided. Maj. Charles G. Davis, President of the Massachusetts Ex-Prisoners of War Association and Vice-President of the National Association, gave a most vivid word picture of the horrors endured at Belle Isle, Andersonville, and other famous prisons, Other speakers were Capt, William B. Gellucia, Secretary and Treasurer of the Massachusetts Association; Alfred Blanchard, of Boston; Benjamin Hall, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Soldiers' Home at Bristol; Capt. George F. Bicknell; Deputy Sheriff Elijah A. Read; John W. Cummings; E. C. Meilin, of Providence, R. I., and

Frank I. Babcock. About 40 of the survivors of the Army of the Potomac met at the Midland Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., on the night of Dec. 13, it being the 30th anniversary of the battle of Fredericksburg, Va. Pa-pers were read by Rev. C. W. Backus, of the 97th Y. Y.; E. A. Axtell, of the 14th Brooklyn or 84th Y.; F. Holsinger, of the 87th Pa. Reserves, and C. McDougal, of the 6th W. Va. The G.A.R. Quartette rendered some fine music during the evening. A cup of coffee, sandwiches, and good cirgars were added, and made things pleasant. All joined hands and sang Auld Lang Syne. The next

meeting is to be held July 3, 1893. OHIO. The 9th Ohlo will hold a grand ball at Cincinnati, O., on Jan. 19, the anniversary of Mill Spring, Ky.-the first victory of the Union army during the war.

Fighting Fire

is something that anyone will do instinctively, because everyone recognizes that fire is dangerous. Could the same impression be made general as to olds, thousands of lives would be saved annually. Most people determine whether a cold is danger-ous by the result. If it disappears itself, "it was nothing; " if they never recover from its effects, they know they had "a terrible cold."

Few people would leave a fire in their own house o burn itself out; yet a cold is always as dangerous as the fire which we fight on its first appearance. People in delicate health well understand the menace of a cold. It is all the more serious to them because they have no reserve of physical strength with which to put it out when once it has obtained entrance. Drs. Starkey & Palen's Conpound Oxygen has saved the lives of thousands by curing colds. It is known the world over as a most wonderful cure in all chronic diseases (and if a person can lift an ox, he should certainly be able to lift a caif), but people thoughtiessly fail to avail themselves of its help to keep out and put out colds. Folks are growing wiser, however, and many keep Compound Oxygen always in the house, thus saving health and time and money. "DRS. STARKEY & PALEN:-I have a young friend who contracted a severe cold and had a fearful cough. I persuaded him to use the Compound Oxygen, of which I had nearly a half a Treatment, and ne took nothing else. Before half of the Treatment was used he was sound and well. Whenever my daughter takes cold in the head your Compound Oxygen Treatment cures it at

MRS. S. F. JERNEGAN, Sandersville, Ga." "DRS. STARKEY & PALEN:-I am highly pleased with the Oxygen Treatment, and am satisfied that it has done more for me than any course of drugs

could have resorted to. I recommend it on every

occasion. I think your Treatment should be in every family in the country. If they used it for nothing else but to break up colds, it would repay them many times the outlay. MILTON L. VAN BUSKIRK, Savannah, Mo." whom 30 are in Washington. The Post possesses
a memento of the war in the shape of the torn and
tattered flag given the 83d Ohio by the ladies of
Kenton, and carried at the front until after the sec-

Gleanings from National Headquarters--- Notes from the Departments.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS W. R. C., SABETHA MARGARET R. WICKINS, National President FLORA PRESTON HOGBIN, National Secretary. To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of

To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans; to find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends; to cherish and emulate the deeds of our Army Nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of

To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights

Women of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union, who would perpetuate the principles to which this association stands pledged, and who have attained the age of 16 years, shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

W.R.C. HOME LAND FUND. Some time since mention was made in the Relief Corps columns of moneys contributed by Departments for the purchase of more land for the Na-

tional Relief Corps Home, Geneva, O. The sums reported as paid were taken from the report of National Treasurer Armilla A. Cheney, page 82, of the officers' reports made to 10th National Convention, covering all transactions to the close of the quarter ending June 30, 1892. New York is not reported, for the reason, we

learn, that the money was not paid over in time to be included in that quarter. But New York has redeemed the pledge of \$50, made to ninth National Convention by Department President Ellen M. Putnam. And, more than that, New York has added \$10 to the \$50, placing \$60 in the Home land fund as her share of the purchase price.

This additional item is reported with much pleasure, as New York, under the leadership of Department President Putnam, is fully alive to every phase of W.R.C. work. Are there other Departments or Individuals with

gifts to report? If so, let us have them, the more the better, as the land is waiting to be paid for. DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS. DEAR TRIBUNE: A December Fair was opened

by Collingwood Corps, of Plymouth, and coninued several days with great success. Mary G. Deane, Department President, represented the Order on the opening night and was the recipient of a large and beautiful bunch of roses. Collingwood Corps is one of the largest in the State and its members are enthusiastic in the work.

The Fair of Gen. Lander Corps, of Lynn, was a very successful undertaking, the fine display of goods meeting with a ready sale. The second evening was designated W.R.C. night and many official guests were present in honor of the occasion. Eli W. Hall, Department Senior Vice Commander, G.A.R.; H. O. Moore, Assistant Adjutant-Administration, G.A.R., and comrades of Post 5, Lynn, were among the speakers; also, Mary G. Deane, Department President; Clara H. Burleigh, Department Junior Vice President, and Emma B. Lowd, Past Department President. At the close of the Department President's remarks she was presented a sofa-pillow, the cover-

ing of which was a silk flag. Hattie A. Bray made an excellent presentation speech, to which the recipient appropriately responded. Members of Post 5 gave a drama, and the little drummer boy of Lynn entertained the audience with the skill of a professional. S. Jennie Tirrell, the faithful Corps President has been re-elected. Gen. Lander Corps has 315 members and is the largest in the State. It annu-

ally expends a liberal sum in relief work. Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, National Chaplain, is the possessor of a valuable sitk quit made of squares contributed by several Corps, Mrs. Knowles treasures the gift for its many pleasant associations and the letters that accompanied it. The quilt was voted her at the recent Fair of Corps 39, Charles-Dahlgren Corps, of South Boston, has made a

grand record the past year. The amount placed in its relief fund, turned over to Post, and donated to the Soldiers' Home exceeds \$700. Tryphena C Berry, the efficient President, has been very active in her work for the Corps. Corps 156, of Bourne, recently instituted by Department President Mary G. Deane, is gaining in membership and has excellent prospects for a successful year.-Hattie A. Ralph, Department Corre-

sponding Secretary. DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY. DEAR TRIBUNE: New Jersey would report the institution in November of John E. Bean Relief Corps, No. 92, at Bloomingdale, N. J., with 25 charter members. Abbie J. Whittier, National Junior Vice-President, was the Instituting and Installing Officer.

Commander Shippee's wife was made Corps Presdent, and she is supported by an earnest and enthusiastic band of women, who are planning the hest things for the men who saved the Nation Past President Julia Spittel, of Paterson Corps, rendered able assistance at the installation. Her husband, Post Commander Spittel, was largely instrumental in bringing the Corps into existence, Bean Corps was fortunate in having so able an instituting officer, with whom few can compare in this Department. A stage-load of comrades of Chaplain Butler Post, with members of Butler Corps, attended the installation services, and to all Bean Corps, served a fine collation. Abbie J. Whittier, Department President Reed, and Commander Shippee were among the speakers

at the Campfire, and Comrades fro . Patterson joined in the congratulations. Abbie J. Whittier has been chosen to install the newly-elected officers of Bean Corps at a public installation of Post and Corps.-Minnie Capen, Department Corresponding Secretary, Branch City,

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK. DEAR TRIBUNE: The Relief Corps in New York are in a state of increased activity in the interest of our new project of a State Home for mothers and

widows of veterans, army nurses and aged couples. Root Corps, 20, of Syracuse, has lately given a most charming and successful parlor musicale at the home of Mrs. G. D. Alvord, Secretary of Root Reilef Corps. Louis R. Phillips, son of the re-elected President, Sarah E. Phillips, was the musical director, and a most artistic program was ren-

The Herald Ladies' Quartet, the Hayden Quaret, and other local celebrities assisted in making the concert a perfect success. The sum of \$150 was netted for the benefit of the State Home, Root Corps never does things by halves. They have a membership numbering 170, and nearly if not quite \$1,200 in the treasury. The re-elected and very efficient President, Sarah E. Phillips, and Mrs. T. L. Poole, wife of Department Commander Poole, as Senior Vice-President, make the outlook for the year 1893 an assured

Lilly Corps, Syracuse, with its energetic President, Amelia Buila, stands high in the respect and esteem of its Post, and all who know of their good work for the veterans. Department President Ellen M. Putnam honored these Corps of Syrncuse, as well as Chismore Corps, 1, of Ilion, with an official visit of inspection last month, and pronounced them excellent Ada V. Sherwood, Department Inspector, reports

the Corps of Western New York to be active and earnest. She knows whereof she speaks. The Department Corresponding Secretary inboth prosperous and happy. The Posts of these Corps give them unqualified praise for their

help and sympathy.

Skillir Corps, of Rome, has very efficient officers. who are ever ready to respond to duty's call. Rankin Corps, of Brooklyn, Phebe Ritchie, President, ranks high in the esteem of the comrades.

Upton Corps, Jane M. Perrin, Presiddent, of Batavia, is one of many more in that vicinity that have made an enviable record for the year 1892. Both Powers and Marshall Corps, of Rochester, finish the year with a record of honor. May they all enjoy a prosperous and a happy new year. -Kate E. Jones, Corresponding Secretary, Ilion, ton, D. C. H. S. Nut also has a very poor paper

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Ellen S. Cain is the new President of Kilpatrick Corps, Holyoke, Mass. This Corps enters, with bright promise, a new year of usefulness.

Eva R. Rummel, of the Ohio Soldiers' Home
Committee, reports that McLaughlin Corps, Mansfield, O., of which she is a member, sent out 54 well-filled Thanksgiving baskets and nine baskets of fruits to the sick, at Thanksgiving season. At the ninth anniversary Campfire of Ransom Post, 131, St. Louis, Mo., Ransom Corps made a ice sum of money by serving refreshments. Amos . Seaman represented the Sons of Veterans on the oor committee in the dance which followed, the first time such an honor was ever conferred on the young men in any of the Post entertainments. Bowers Corps, Geneva, O., re-elected their able President, Helen Sawyer, to serve another year. Laura Rosamond White, the faithful press reporter. was complimented by a unanimous election to the position she has so long graced with her patriotic and versatile writings. Bowers Post and Corps are to enjoy a joint installation.

There is but one white Corps in Virginia, Headquarters at Hampton, the site of the National Sol-

diers' Home. This Corps presented a 10-foot flag to the public school in Phœbus on Columbus Day. Emma R. Wallace, of Chicago, is urged by her friends for the position of Department President of Illinois. She has served her Corps two terms as President, is Chairman of the Illinois Relief Corps Committee for the World's Fair, and a memper of the National Board of Lady Managers. Mrs. Wallace is a woman of gentle presence, calm and carnest in manner, and full of reserved force. She would serve her State and Order wel!.

Past National President [Sue A. Pike Sanders nourns the loss of a soldier brother, Alpheus Pike, of Chicago, from heart disease, brought on by his mprisonment at Andersonville. He was one of the youngest volunteers that ever carried a musket, and served three and a half years, eight months as

a prisoner of war. He was taken ill at dinner, and lived but 15 minutes. His funeral took place from

Mrs. Sanders's house at Bioomington.

A new book is about to be placed before the public, entitled "Columbia." It is an ideal epic, by Kate B. Sherwood, of Ohio, whose name as an author has become quite noted. We congratulate Mrs. Sherwood upon the success that is bound to attend her work.—Compass, Star and Vidette.
Little Nellie Colgan, of Hampton, Va., now 12
years old, marched in Washington with her papa and Department of Virginia. She carried the guidon flag of the Post, had a tin canteen across her shoulder, and was dressed in a navy-blue suit and band cap. The Post wants her to march with them in Indianspolis, and are already preparing a tir barrel for her to carry, as they wish her to repre sent the Daughter of the Regiment.

MYSTERY.

[Every reader is invited to send solutions and iginal contributions, and to compete for prizes offered. Definitions in form puzzles are given according to Webster's International Dictionary, Phillips's Biographical Dictionary, and Lippin-cott's Gazetteer, edition of 1891. Definitions followed by an asterisk (*) are of words occurring in the Unabridged only. Contributors are requested to write on but one side of paper, addressing all communications to Puzzle Editor, THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, Washington, D. C.]

NEW PUZZLES-NO. 70. NO. 657-NUMERICAL. His wounds are enough for a corps; On his nose is a 1, 2, 3, 4; On one cheek is a mark You could see in the dark, And his forehead has two or three more.

From a coal 2, 3, 4 he jumped down; It was just coming into the town. So he fell on his face. And the fall left a trace That would 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 a clown. He 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 but little,

Since his 4, 5, 6 head was not brittle:

One, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6?

No; he's up to all tricks That a Scotchman would call "unco kittle," -M. C. S., Springfield, Ill. NO. 658-SQUARE. 1. Species of wine imported from France. 2.

The northernmost of the Virgin Islands, 3, Male name meaning "lion man." 4. Italian engraver, b. 1604. 5. A spike on a gantlet. 6. A town of Prussis. 7. A small South American opossum. - A. CROSTIC, Trout Brook, N. Y.

NO. 659-MUTATION. Thy real ode. Come, close the book, for the year is ended!

Lay down the records of days gone by, Where lights and shadows are strangely blended-Mirthful laughter with sorrow's sigh. You've traced its pages 'mid Summer's beauty When smiling Friendship and Love were near; You've bravely penned the stern lines of duty, Though oft the leaf hid a burning tear, Rlant with sunlight or dark with weeping,

live the old days to grave Memory's keeping; The young year's pages are fair and white. Trust Him who grants thee a new endeavor, Perfection's triumph may yet be won; Thus, when Life's volume is closed forever, Be this Heaven's finis: "Well done, well done." -VIOLET, Davenport, Iowa.

Placid and steady or gay and bright.

NO. 660-SQUARE. 1. A rude, ancient ax or hatchet. 2. Took possession of. 3. An emollient. 4. Italian music con poser, 1660-1740. 5. Italian painter, 1520-1598. 6. Wilder. 7. Virulent poisons prepared in Java.

—X. L. C. R., Lyons, N. Y.

> NO. 661-CHARADE. (To Guidon.) With easy grace she waves her ONE. A gauzy thing of wool fine spun, With dainty figures painted TWO,

Then drops them like a timid nun. The church is hid in shadows dun, The service has but just begun, The Bishop wears a TOTAL new With easy grace.

He tells the sinners what to shun-

And lifts her deep-brown eyes to you,

Temptations many 'neath the sun-And giveth admonitions true; But all eyes turn to her and view The looks she gives in vain to none With easy grace. -BEECH NUT, Newburg, N. Y.

NO. 662-DIAMOND. 1. A letter. 2. A covering for the head. 3. A large drinking bowl. 4. Of mixed kinds, 5. A barrel-organ. 6. An apparatus for equalizing the flow of gas.* 7. An earthquake, (Obs.) 8. Grows again. 9. Small stender marine fishes. 10. Peer of France, 1731-1816. 11. A letter.

-ED. WARD, Brooklyn, N. Y. NO. 663-DECAPITATION. Life is but a fleeting show : Hope is LAST and blind and slow All the world is in array Gainst the hapless son of clay; Fame lives not beyond the pall,

And the gavel's rattling fall.

Friends will lose us and forget Among the crowd; FIRST our life-stars dimly set, Behind a cloud. Life is but a fleeting show, Thus the landlord thought, you know, When the troup theatric roped

All their baggage in and sloped. He was thinking, well, I trow, Life is but a fleeting show. -IRON MASK, Batavia, N. Y.

NO. 664-DIAMOND. 1. In NATIONAL TRIBUNE. 2. A dull fellow. 8. A male name. 4. Pertaining to pottery. 5. Per-taining to the first high priest of the Jews. 6. Confederate stronghold taken by the Union army in April, 1862. 7. A tribe of Indians who formerly occupied Florida. 8. Of two colors. 9. The four of cards. 10. A French article. 11. In NATIONAL -EUGENE, Chicago, Itl. TRIBUNE.

PRIZES. Two interesting stories of the late war will be awarded by lot among the solvers of above puzzles.

One solution entitles you to a chance to win a handsome book. For Contributions: For the best square based on LINCOLN, U. S. GRANT, SHERMAN, OF JACKSON, Cruise of the Montauk; best diamond on ISLAND No. TEN, CHATTANOOGA, LIBBY PRISON, or GEN-ERALSHIP, The Cannoneer; best verse puzzle re-ceived from a lady contributor, Beautiful Homes; from a gentleman contributor, Capturing a Locomotive. Eugene offers 50 postal cards for the best square based on CHICAGO contributed to Mystery. Let all compete,

CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS.

The following mathematical problem is of-

fered by a Washington reader: A man has an

eight-quart measure full of molasses, and has

empty measures holding five and three quarts.

He wishes to sell a customer four quarts of the

molasses; how does he measure it out? How many of our puzzlers can tell? It is not an easy problem by any means, and Mystery offers a valuable prize for first correct solution.- L. A. J. is a welcome visitor. We trust she will find time to send a few answers each week .--- We are sorry to have to refuse Maxwell's double-word enigma on must be a complete word by itself, whereas | Delegates, Frank J. McLean, Jos. H. Porter. there can be found no authority either for OHIO. 'mangel" or "wurzel." Try again .- Puzzles have been received and accepted during the week from B. Ver, G. Whizz, Eugene, Beech Nut, and M. C. S.—Holiday issues of the Study and Materia Mystica have reached us, and are both par excellence. H. S. Nut's Christmas "Perplexities" looks well, but shows signs of editorial carelessness. For instance, publishing A Diamond, by Eugene, and signing it Washing-

Cloves have just come forward with subscriptions and request back numbers of Mystery. They do not wish to miss a single issue, and every puzzler should have a complete file. We cannot promise to supply many back numbers or samples, and our friends must subscribe if they hope to receive this paper. - B. Ver is informed that answers to puzzles which appeared in the last six issues of Mystery, while in charge of Eugene, cannot now be published. H. S. Nut, that we cannot furnish him with old

for his department, --- Dorothy Doolittle and

B. O. CHESTER. The Farmer and Politics. The prosperity of a farmer to-day depends more on the methods he employs than on govern-

mental rule. Take seeds for an example. Many

farmers, who are alive to their own interests in

other things, are careless in buying seeds. They

seem to think that a seed is a seed and there i

issues of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, as we have

none on hand.

ends. If there was more knowledge about seeds and greater care exercised in their selection there would be richer crops and better returns. Realizing this, D. M. Ferry & Co., the famous seed firm of Detroit, Mich., have embodied in their Illustrated Annual for 1893 much valuable information about seeds and their selection. It contains the knowledge gleaned from many years practical experience in the seed business and the newest and best things about gardens and gardening. Such a book, issued by a firm of unquestioned reliability, is of the highest value to everyone who plants a seed. Although the cost of printing and ambelliabing it with heart for illustrations has embellishing it with beautiful illustrations has been great, it is sent free to anyone making appli-

cation to the above firm.

News from the Various Divisions. Elections of Officers, etc.

NEW ENGLAND SONS.

Plans for the Formation of an Association

in that Section.

A meeting was held in the American House, Boston, Oct. 27, at which representatives from every New England Division of Sons of Veterans, U. S., A., with one exception, were present. These repesentatives were members of committees appointed by the Commanders of the several Divisions for the purpose of considering the advisability of holding a union gathering of the members of the Order in this section of the country, looking toward the formation of a New England Association The General Committee organized with the choice of W. A. Stevens as Chairman, C. D. Rooney as Secretary and Treasurer, 5 Church street, Win-chester, Mass., and these brothers, together with Commander Walter H. Delano, of Massachusetts, as an Executive Committee, to carry out the de-

At this meeting the General Committee decided

upon the following as the most feasible plan: That

tails of the initial assembly.

a New England Association be formed; that a meeting for organization be held at Boston, Feb 22, 1893; that every brother in New England be urged to be present, and that all prembers of the Commandery-in-Chief for 1892, '93, 1 dent in New England, one delegate from every Camp in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut be entitled to seals in the preliminary gathering; that this meeting decide upon the formation of the New England Association, its objects, scope, and future membership. To carry out this idea, the Executive Committee submits the following plan for the consideration of the members of the Order in the above-mentioned States: On the evening of Feb. 21, 1893, a banquet is to be held in the American House, Boston, to which every Son of a Veteran is invited, the price of tickets to be \$1.25; on Feb. 22, during the day, a meeting will be held in Fancuil Hall for organization; in the evening a grand Campfire will be held in the same hall. It is expected that Commander-in-Chief Hall, Past Commanders-in-Chief Merrill and Weeks, Gov. Russell, of Massachusetts, the Mayor of Boston, the several New England Department Commanders of the G.A.R., and prominent members of that Order and of the Sons of Veterans will be present and address the

members. In order to carry out this plan successfully, the Executive Committee must know whether or not the New England brothers will take part in the Convention, and for that reason it is requested that every Camp take action on the matter at once, and inform the Secretary on or before Jan. 10, 1893, whether or not it will send a delegate, and the name of the brother chosen. The name of every brother intending to attend the banquet, together with the fee (\$1.25 per man), must also be forwarded by that date, and a receipt for the money, in the form of a banquet ticket, will be returned by the Treasurer. This is absolutely necessary, as no provision can be made for those who do not purchase tickets in advance.

This, in brief, is the outline of the arrangements for the first gathering of the Sons of Veterans of New England. The advantages of such a meeting held yearly are evident. One-fifth of the entire membership of our Order is resident in the six States of New England. Not only that, but these are the six best Divisions in the land. Yet the New England brothers, with the exception of those who meet at the National Encampments, are almost entirely unknown to each other. This is not as it should be. All cannot attend the National gatherings, but all can attend, without much trouble or expense, a New England Encampment. Let every one strive to make the meeting on Washington's birthday a glorious success.

THE DIVISIONS.

MASSACHUSETTS. Gen. McClelian Camp, 60 Holyoke-Capt., W. H. Brown; First Lieut., B. F. Abbott; Second Lieut., E. H. Lynds. Camp Council, C. L. Hammond, J. H. Wylie, jr., W. D. Judd.

A. O. Miller Camp, 180 Odessa-Capt., W. T. Smith; First Lieut., G. M. Wakeman; Second Lieut., Adolphus Starr. NEW YORK. At the last Department Encampment, held at Buffalo, the following resolutions, offered by A. A.

MISSOURI.

its preservation.

Yates, of Post 90, and reported from the Committee on Resolutions, were adopted: Resolved, That in the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the Department of New York, G.A.R., recognizes a worthy and desirable successor to its own organization, and one well calculated to promote proper sentiments of loyalty, of the Nation's best traditions, and patriotism to protect its present and future.

that the Sons of Veterans be urged to increase and strengthen their ranks, and that they receive the active co-operation of the G.A.R. in carrying on their patriotic work and in the proper observation of our country's memorials. Resolved, That this Encampment extend to the Sons of Veterans its sentiments of approval, and such assistance as will serve to cement the common idea of loyalty to country, perpetuation of what is

Theodore L. Poole, Department Commander, says in a recent circular: "By the adoption of these resolutions, our organization is pledged to more than sentiment; we are to 'extend such assistance as will serve to cement the common idea of loyalty to country, perpetuation of what is best in its history, and help of those who aided in its preservation.' This is proper, this is wise. The Sons of Veterans have been endorsed by National Encampments, and by Commanders-in-Chief, as the legitimate successors of our own beloved Order. To it we must turn our eyes for the solution of problems we must leave behind, and upon it must fall the mantle of our mission of peace when we are no more. Your Department Com-mander wishes to feel that when our organiza-tion dies, we shall live in the Sons of Veterans. I urge a greater interest of the Grand Army in, and a closer intercourse with, this growing and worthy Order. It is an act of wisdom for the veterans to take their sons to their hearts, give them their encouragement, guide their upward steps, counsel them from errors, tutor them for the present, prepare them for the future while the living heroes can give-not a pecuniary aid, but a love and fostering care, as from a father to a son, and contribute the benediction of their presence as well as the inspiration of their achievements in fitting this Order to assist in our declining years; and, when the sable shroud of death shall fall upon the last member of the Grand Army, prove worthy of its inheritance-an inheritance, not of victories which

and example. "The most careless observer in the Grand Army must see the almost sacred advantage of this policy, not alone to our Order, but to the princioles, causes, struggles, and results of the rebellion. therefore suggest and urge, that in places where there is a Post of the Grand Army, and no Camp of the Sons of Veterans, comrades of these Posts organize Camps at once, or secure the interest of some desirable Sons toward this end. I have obtained from the Division Commander of the Sons, W. S. Oberdorf, of Dansville, N. Y., circulars of instruction relative to the formation of Camps, a copy of which is herewith inclosed. In places where Camps are already located, let comrades interest themselves more in their behalf. Visit the Camps; you will be welcome. Give your Sons, as organized Camps, a father's guidance, while you are able to assist them, so that in later years they may be not only faithful to our organization, but may take up our labors and our mission. Act toward the boys (now many of them men) so that they will feel, that though sons they are worthy of their sires, and members of the fraternal household, sheltered under the same roof-not forced into the world as though banished from your doors. In

short, give your sons not a crumb, but a father's aid, benediction and inspiration. Excelsior Camp, 57, New York—Capt., James R. Wickham; First Lieut., Fred M. Norcross; Second spected the Corps at Watertown, and found it in a flourishing condition; also Sand Bank and Cam constructed one. In word enigmas each part Wickham; First Lieut., Fred M. Norcross; Second Lieut., Henry A. Beattie; Council, Charles H. Paulding, Wm. A. Kennedy, Frank J. McLean.

Earnshaw Camp, 89, Dayton-Capt., M. H. Bennett; First Lieut., H. S. Sayre; Second Lieut., T. A. Lewis. Council, A. J. McConon, G. W. Merry, W. S. Reeder.

A Cutting Joke.

[New York World.]

A huge knife, said to be over 100 years old, and resembling an ancient haycutter, was presented to the Postmaster at Bangor, Me., just after the election. It was labelled "Adlai's ax." Across the blade in black letters were the words, "The melancholy days have come." This was a grim joke to play on a Republican Postmaster, but he concluded to make the best of it. He tagged it and started it on a journey across the continent. At last accounts it was at Marquette, Mich., all covered with tags and the comments each messenger had added as the Democratic guillotine passed over his route.

> The Australian Rabbit, [St. Louis Globe Democrat.]

The rabbit we hear of as a serious pest in Australia is quite different from the animal we see on sale here during the season. The Australian rabbit is a persevering burrower, and it breeds with a rapidity which it is difficult to comprehend. The rabbit in this country is, in reality, a member of the hare family, and this does not apply to the jack-rabbit exclusively. That speedy animal is obviously a hare, both in regard to size and habits, and the small rabbit which is trapped, killed, and eaten, is also of the hare species. It does not burrow like the native of Europe and the unwelcome emigrant into Australia; it is much more speedy and scarey, and its flesh is darker in color and scarcely so tender. There are really no rabbits, pure and simple, running wild in America, and, to judge from the complaints from the Australian colonies, it is decidedly fortunate that there are not.

The genuine merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla wins friends wherever it is fairly and honestly tried.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Replies to Questions on a Variety of Interesting

Sabjects. 170 Correspondents, -Write questions on a sep-arate sheet of paper, give full name and address, and mark it "Correspondents' Column." No atten-tion will be paid to communications that are not accompanied with full name and address of writer.
Our readers are requested to inclose a stamp for
reply to their inquiries. Postal cards will be
replied to by mail only. Replies by mail will ord! narily be made within a week, and if in this column within three weeks. 1

A. J. S., Marion, Va.-1. When an applicant for a pension under act of June 27th, 1890, is ordered be-fort a Board of Doctors, and the report of the board finds the applicant disabled to a degree that would entitle him to a pension, what other action is taken in the claim by the Pension Bureau before is taken in the claim by the Pension Bureau before it is placed on the Completed Files? 2. If an applicant is furned down by the Examining Board in a claim under act of June 27, 1820, how long is it likely to be from the time of examination by the Board of Doctors until the applicant is advised of it? 3. How many of the claims that have been it with the state of the claims that have been it. allowed under the act of June 27, 1890, are for inerease, and how many are original? Answer. In some cases applicant is called upon to furnish ovidence showing that the disability claimed is no the result of vicious habits, etc. 2. Whenever the case is taken up for action. 3. It is impossible to say. During the 12 months ending June 30, 1892, 157,928 original invalid pension certificates under the act of June 27, 1890, were issued, and during the same period 35,326 certificates for additional pen-

sion under the same act were issued.

J. E. C., Beatrice, Neb.—A first Lieutenant in the infantry service, now drawing pension of \$10 per month for disability arising from disease contracted in the service, which totally incapacitates him for the performance of manual labor, now applies for nerease and rating under the the act of July 14. 1892, and shows by the testimony of his physicians, that he requires the aid of an assistant daily in order that his disease be treated as the doctor has ordered. He also shows by the testimony of his wife and son, that he has frequent attacks of sickness arising from his chronic disease, which fa-quires the personal aid and assistance of attend-ants. Will these facts, proven as above, entitle him to the benefit of said act of July 14, 1892? If not, please advise what further proof will be re quired? Answer. He will probably be increase to \$50 under the act mentioned, providing the Board examination is favorable.

A.S. Elia, O.—A applied for a pension in December, 1890. He was rejected on the 8th inst. Be now wants to have it reconsidered; that is, he wants to be re-examined and still have his claim. date back to day of application. Please let me know how to prosecute. Answer. He should furnish competent medical testimony showing that by reason of the causes alleged in his claim he was in December, 1890, and has been continuously ever

since, disabled in a pensionable degree. M. W. Lawrence, Minn.—If a man enlisted for three years in October, 1861, and re-enlisted in June, 1864, and after serving four months deserted, and two days later enlisted again in another organization and served 10 months and was honorably discharged after the close of the war, would be be entitled to a pension under the act of June 27, 1890? Answer. Yes. He can have the charge of desertion removed under Sec. 3, act of March 2. 1889, provided his re-enlistment was not made for the purpose of securing bounty, etc.

F. R., New Haven, Conn.-I lost my pension theek for pension due Dec. 4, last Tuesday, 13th inst. had not signed it. I advertised in all New Haven papers, but I have heard nothing from it. Can I have it made good and get another check, or will I have to love it? Answer. At the expiration of six months, if in the meantime the check has not been paid, you can, by making an affidavit as to the loss and the circumstances pertaining thereto, and by executing with two sureties a bond of indemnity to the United States, in double the amount of the check (but in no case will the bond be accepted for less than \$100), obtain from the Pension Agent who issued the original check a duplicate thereof. J. B., Karnsville, N. J.-Is there any law that com-

pels a soldier to pay dog tax? If not, what can I do if the Constable comes and takes him and kills him? Answer. 1. There is no National law upon the subject. It is a matter entirely within the jurisdiction of the State and municipal authority. 2. G. B. H., Mehama, Ore.-1. Did President John-

son sign the bill to increase the salary of the President of the United States from 325,000 to \$50,000 a year, or did President Grant sign the bi to increase his own salary while in office; and if the latter, was it not an unconstitutional act? & Did President Grant in his first or second term veto a general service pension bill of \$6 per month? Mrs. Lease, a Populist speaker, charged that President Grant vetoed the bill mentioned, and signed one to raise his own salary with the same pen and dip of ink. Answer. 1. Neither. During Grant's first term of office, which expired March 4, 1873, he signed the act making appropriations for the sup-port of the Government for the fiscal year com-mencing July 1, 1873, and ending June 30, 1874. This act increased the salary of Presidents who should succeed him from \$25,000 to \$50,000. It so happened that he was his own successor, and thus in the second term drew \$50,000 annually, as have all Presidents since. His action in signing the bill was both proper and constitutional. 2. The charge Resolved. That it is the sentiment of this body is simply bosh. In the first place, no American Congress has ever passed a bill granting pensions for service alone during the war of the rebellion, consequently no bill of that character was ever presented to him for signature. In the second place, Grant did not at any time during his eight years as President veto any public pension bill. S. W., Warren, R. I .- 1. A pensioner is drawing

\$12 per month under the new law, and able to eart a support. Is he entitled to an increase? 2. A man lost his son in the war and drew a pension; he died, and his wife drew it until she remarried. He is dead, she dependent upon others for support. Can best in its history, and help of those who aided in she be placed upon the pension-roll again? Answer. 1. No increase above \$12 can be obtained under the new law. 2. We do not understand the questions. The father of a soldier could not be pensioned unless the mother of the soldier was dead. Histitle to pension comes after hers, not be-fore; consequently, when the father died there was no person entitled to pension, and the same ended. A stepmother of a soldier is, under no circumstances, entitled to pension; hence, you must be in error in your statement of the case. C. S., Bremen, Ind .- A soldier of the late war

having made application for a pension Aug. 26, 1890, under the act of June 27, 1890, was sent from here last October by the Township trustees to the State Soldiers' Home at Marion, Ind., where he died on Nov. 8, 1892. A pension certificate at the rate of \$12 per month was issued to him Dec. 5, 1892, which came to this postoffice, but was promptly returned with the inclosed voucher for \$315,20 to the U.S. Pension Agent at Indianapolis; the claimant having no nearer relatives here than a brother. Now the question I want to ask, is not the attorney in the claim entitled to his \$10 fee; and if so, how shall be proceed to get it? Answer. No; the sttorney loses his fee, M. D. P., Earlville, Ill.-1. I filed claim under set

of June 27, 1890; was examined Aug. 3, 1892, and received word my claim was placed on completed files Aug. 7, 1892; had the case called up, and was placed in adjusting department in November last. When should I hear from it as passed upon? 2. I cannot be bequeathed, but of their fathers' memory am drawing pension under old law at \$8, and applied for increase on Nov. 7, 1892. If I am examined in January next, is it possible to have the case acted upon before March next? Answer. 1. We cannot say. No two claims are alike. 2. Probably not. Claims for increase are not acted upon so L. F. B., Clinton, O .- 1. A soldler, who was unmarried, while in the line of duty during the late civil war dies, his father and mother being dead

> son while living, can his sister, a single lady, draw a pension on account of her brother? 2. Would his brothers or sisters living have any claim against the Government whatever? Answer, I and 2. No, not unless under 16 years of age at the date of the death of the soldier, and also at the date of the death of the last surviving parent. M. L. G., Grigg's Corners, O .- A soldier drawing a small pension applies for increase on disability mentioned in pension certificate, and also for additional on new disease; has received notice from Pension Department that he is rejected on increase.

also, they never having drawn a pension on their

Probably not. If you had sent us a copy of the letter notifying you of the rejection we could better answer your question. H. L. S., Newberg, Ore. - I am informed by a notary here that the last Congress passed an act allowing a rerating of that class of pensioners whose claims were adjudicated in the early period of the original claims, and who were rated very low. Was the such an act passed? Answer. No: nor was there a bill covering the matter even introduced

Does this also include the new disability? Answer.

F. L. H., Wyoming, Pa.-To whom shall I send in order to get a copy of my certificate of marriage, when I sent in my claim for pension, as I need is for other purposes; and if my pension is granted, will I ever get my original certificate back or not? Answer. You can, by writing to the Commissioner of Pensions, giving the number of your claim, etc., receive at any time your marriage certificate upon your request to that effect. It is of no particular value in your claim, as such certificates are not accepted as evidence in a claim.
S. N. T., Williston, Vt.-What are the rulings of

the Pension Office dated April 3, 1884, and Oct. 7, 1885, in regard to rates of pensioners who are pensioned for hernia and deafness? Have there been any other rulings for the same disabilities since the above dates? Answer. Prior to April 3, 1881, the rate for single hernia in the case of an enlisted man was \$4, and for double hernia \$6. On that date, by ruling of the Pension Bureau, the rate was advanced to \$8 for single hernin and \$12 for double hernia. These latter rates governed until Dec. 4, 1891, when another ruling was made which gave \$4, \$6, \$8, \$10, \$12, and \$14 for different kinds of hernia, with power to rate for ventral hernia according to the degree of disability in each case. The ruling of Oct. 7, 1885, did not disturb the rulings then in force for hernia. Prior to April 3, 1884, the ratings for deafness ranged from \$1 to \$13. By ruling of April 3, '84, the intermediate grades of deafness were increased from \$1 to \$2, \$2 to \$4, \$2 to \$6, \$4 to \$8, \$4 to \$9, and \$6 to \$10. By ruling of Oct. 7, 1885, the \$8, \$9, and \$10 rates were advanced to \$12. By the act of Aug. 27, 1888, which increased the pension for total deafness of both cars from \$13 to \$30, corresponding increases in the rates for dif-ferent degrees of deafness were made, and on Dec. 4, 1891, by Office ruling, the rates were readjusted some being reduced. On Oct. 29, 1892, by another Office ruling, two new grades of deafness were provided for, viz., slight of one ear, severe of one ear,

and slight of both ears.

A Subscriber, Columbia, S. C.—Please let me know the particulars of the Senate bill which passed the House on the 19th inst., raising the pensioners of the Mexican war from \$8 to \$12 per menth, and if it has yet become a law or not? Answer. The bill provides an increase of every pensioner who is now on the rolls at \$3 per month on account of services in the Mexican war, and who is wholly disabled for manual labor, and is in such destinate eircumstances that \$9 per month is insufficient to provide him with the necessaries of life, to \$12 per

month. The bill will become a law as soon as is signed by the President,